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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall no better than steady with some caution noted. Retail demand was slow to moderate with limited feature activity. Food service covered the full range with best movement into fast food outlets. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade requirements; floor stocks were adequate to long. In the parts structure, demand was mostly light to fair with trading usually restricted to regular commitments. Breast items were adequate to ample with boneless skinless cuts often discounted. Wings were balanced to well cleared, and dark meat was available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed weights.

**GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 81.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 70.00 cents last year on July 19, 2006.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading:

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	201.50
BREASTS - B/S	179.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	107.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	113.50
LEG QUARTERS	52.00
WINGS	131.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was steady to about steady. Retail demand was light with few features present. Food service was light to moderate, best into fast food channels. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair for mid-week trading. Breast items were at least adequate with boneless skinless in the longest position. Wings were sufficient to close balanced, and dark meat was mostly adequate to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair at best during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were more than sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair, best for fast food promotions. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were fully adequate to ample; bone-in breast and most dark meat cuts were at least adequate for current needs. Wings were about adequate to adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

**MIDWEST REGION** Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady on lackluster trade inquiry. Retail demand was slow to moderate, while food service movement covered the full range. Best activity was noted into fast food and scattered retail features. Floor stocks were adequate to instances long; weights desirable to heavy. Parts trade was light even with sharp price discounts on breast cuts; wings and leg items saw light to moderate demand. The market tone was barely steady to weak on breast cuts, remainder of parts were mostly steady with undertone cautiously steady.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone was overall steady. Offerings of light weight whole body product in fair balance with heavy weights ample for immediate needs. Buying interest was fair. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good best where featured. Floor stocks were generally adequate. Trade sentiment was about steady on parts with boneless breast showing some weakness.

## BROILER -TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 219 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 14, 2007. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 14, 2007. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through July 14, 2007 were 4.95 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 07/14/07	2007	2006	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	218,727	213,579	+02
CHICKS PLACED	179,491	173,852	+03

Source: NASS, USDA

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 25-Aug-07 is estimated at 165.2 million head. This compares to 166.1 million head the previous week and to 163.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 168.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 69.07 cents per pound.

JULY 17

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JULY 18

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	208	50.00-72.00	-	57.00
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	550	41.00-48.00	43-45	43.85
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	909	44.00-51.00	47-49	47.69
WINGS (WHOLE)	280	105.00-128.00	-	121.20
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

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BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	183	52.00-70.00	57-58	57.60
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	498	40.00-48.00	43-45	43.90
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	789	44.00-51.00	47-49	47.66
WINGS (WHOLE)	280	100.00-129.00	-	119.84
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
58.00 - 63.50	60.43	57.50 - 65.00	61.30	62.45

The index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** - Trucklot buying interest remained light to fair for midweek trading as most dealers worked hand to mouth and saw no need to extend floor stocks beyond regular commitments. Supplies of boneless skinless breasts were readily available and competitively priced in most instances; bone-in breasts were at least sufficient for current needs. Wings and most dark meat cuts were adequate to at least adequate for the light and un-aggressive buyer interest. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was weak for boneless skinless breast; generally steady for the balance of items.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

JULY 17 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	165	162.57	754,678
TENDERLOINS	140	138.54	221,516
BREAST - WITH RIBS	92-93	98.48	98,960
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	93.21	77,400
LEGS	63-64	63.65	189,880
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	50-51	51.07	323,480
DRUMSTICKS	66-67	64.84	125,026
THIGHS	53-54	61.35	114,759
B/S THIGHS	110-111	111.93	81,120
WINGS (WHOLE)	129-130	124.06	217,193
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.84	10,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.20	4,720
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.02	24,360

JULY 18 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	160-165	157.45	517,657
TENDERLOINS	140	142.50	110,000
BREAST - WITH RIBS	92-93	97.26	106,120
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	92.94	91,800
LEGS	63-64	63.42	200,720
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	50-51	49.17	285,040
DRUMSTICKS	66-67	66.59	120,081
THIGHS	53-54	62.95	78,260
B/S THIGHS	110-111	112.74	37,200
WINGS (WHOLE)	129-130	126.18	151,280
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.09	16,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.32	6,520
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.85	22,360

INCLUDES NY CITY METRO. AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, & PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
	07/18	07/17	07/16	07/13	07/11
Alabama	4,016	4,018	3,829	4,041	5.57
Arkansas	5,361	5,505	5,204	5,265	5.39
Delmarva	2,242	2,222	2,062	2,771	5.84
KY-LA-TN	2,406	2,370	2,403	2,550	5.07
Mississippi	2,972	3,050	2,990	3,347	5.33
North Carolina	2,775	2,780	2,639	2,711	6.87
Texas	2,482	2,417	2,551	2,482	5.24
Total	22,254	22,362	21,678	23,167	5.58
Mon-Wed	66,724 (A)				5.47
					21,815
					65,310 (A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-Jul-07 is estimated to be 33,294,000 head up 1.70 percent from a week ago and up 3.51 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,736,000, last year 32,165,000)

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	92-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	109-118
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-74

DUCKS  
RABBITS-WHOLE  
RABBITS-CUT UP

#### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 124
	DRY PACK 123
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 135
	DRY PACK 111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 109
	DRY PACK 95
DUCKS	185-204

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 21-Jul-07

**CURRENT WEEK PREVIOUS WEEK**

Class	07/21/07 (1)	07/14/07
Broiler/fryer	166,811 (2)	168,371
Light hens	1,212	1,231
Heavy hens	1,640	1,593
Total	169,663	171,195

(1)ESTIMATED

2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 21-Jul-07 is 170.8 million head compared to 162.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 167.1 million head or 3.7 million less than estimated available. For the week of 28-Jul-07 the estimated available is 170.3 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 07/16/07	103,782	71,248
AM 07/01/07	94,301	66,753
CHG	9,481	4,495
PCT CHG	10	7

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	07/16/07	07/09/07	07/17/06	07/16/07	07/09/07	07/17/06
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	2,359	2,368	554	4,986	4,621	8,302
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	112	116	191	1,285	1,360	2,856

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5LBS AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JULY 16, 2007

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED(12 PER BOX)	69-76
	VACUUM PACKED(6-9 PER BOX)	70-80

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 07/17/07**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	1.05	1.70	1.54	HEAVY FOWL ea.	5.00	8.00	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	.40	.60	.53	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	.30	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	6.25	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.50	2.25	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.40	.60	.53	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	7.00	10.50	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	1.30	-	DUCKS ea.	2.00	2.25	-
RABBITS lb.	1.20	1.70	1.44	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	4.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	97						

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending July 13, 2007

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	78.44	164.47	92.78	16.87	4.22	54.82
High	84.35	172.91	101.22	21.09	8.43	54.82
Mostly	80.13	168.69	101.22	16.87	8.43	54.82
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	77.60	164.47	88.56	16.87	8.43	59.04
High	85.61	172.91	97.00	21.09	12.65	59.04
Mostly	80.97	168.69	97.00	21.09	8.43	59.04
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	80.13	168.69	92.78	16.87	8.43	56.93
High	86.45	177.13	105.43	21.09	12.65	56.93
Mostly	80.13	172.91	101.22	21.09	12.65	56.93
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	80.13	168.69	97.00	16.87	8.43	61.15
High	88.56	181.34	109.65	25.30	12.65	61.15
Mostly	80.13	172.91	105.43	21.09	12.65	61.15

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds ranged light to fair for midweek business. Seller offerings were sufficient to long for current trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 81 to 92 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady to steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate with b/s breasts continuing in a readily available position. Wings were balanced to well cleared and dark meat parts were mostly adequate.

**BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE  
NO. OF BOXES

75-93  
(A)  
(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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